# Space Station Freedom Program Commercial Infrastructure and Technology Utilization

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#### **Topics**

Commercial Infrastructure Participation in SSF **Evolution** 

Commercial Utilization of SSF-developed **Technologies** 

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# **Importance of Commercial Space Infrastructure**

- Government cannot be expected to make total investment
- Commercial participation is essential
- Industry has thirty years of space experience
- Requirement:
  - -- Risks are quantifiable
  - -- Expected return commensurate with risks

# **Importance of Space Station Freedom**

- Will reduce the risk of commercial space activity
  - -- Technical
  - -- Market
  - -- Financial
- Creates opportunity for commercial ownership and operations of discrete space systems and services
  - -- Power Services
  - -- Data Services
  - -- Communications Services

- -- Ground Services
- -- Transportation Services
- -- User Services

#### **Benefits**

#### To Industry:

- Entry into an emerging market
- Long term profits and return on investment
- Access to new technologies
- Market expansion

#### To NASA:

- Reduced up–front expenditures
- Investment into new R&D
- Expanded participation and support for SSFP
- Support for National Space Policy

## Challenge to Advanced Studies Program

- Recognize potential role of commercial infrastructure
  - -- Policy
    - Private capital at risk
    - Non-U.S. government customers
    - Commercial market determines viability
    - Private sector has responsibility and management of activities
- Identify potential opportunities for commercial infrastructure
  - -- Criteria
    - NASA Space Commerce Opportunities planes nine initiates

#### **Topics**

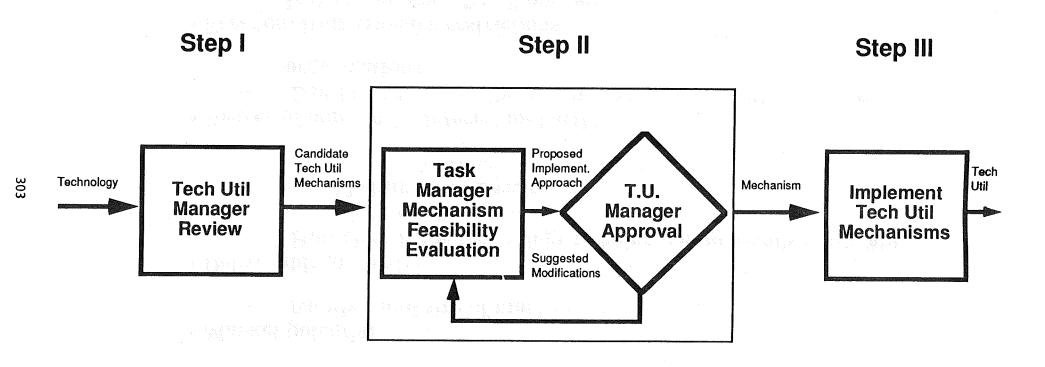
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#### **Technology Utilization Goals**

- Facilitate U.S. industry's utilization of technologies developed within the Space Station Freedom Program
- Establish a standard approach to identify opportunities for commercial utilization of SSF technologies

## **Technology Utilization Process**



Note: Current scope focuses on the Engineering Prototype Development and Evaluation Program. Process can be adapted to cover additional station and other NASA technologies.

#### **Technology Utilization Criteria**

#### POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL UTILITY EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Market potential
  - -- Number and size of markets
- Deliverable maturity
  - -- How close is the technology to being commercially applicable
    - High: working prototype
    - Medium: 1 to 2 years
    - Low: more than 2 years
- Degree of non-NASA interest and activity
  - -- Level of interest in the private sector and in other government organizations
- Freedom from transfer restrictions
  - -- Is the technology free from restrictions on its transfer to the private sector
    - High indicates no transfer restrictions
    - Zero indicates complete restriction from transfer

#### **Technology Utilization Mechanism**

- Active mechanisms include:
  - -- Joint Sponsored Research Program
  - -- Federal Technology Transfer Act Cooperative Research and Development Agreement
- Passive mechanisms include:
  - -- Publication In Tech Briefs
  - -- Conferences and Seminars
  - -- Industrial Application Centers
  - -- Computer Software Management and Information Center (COSMIC) Database

#### Challenge to Engineering Prototype Development Program

- Recognize potential commercial value of technology
  - -- Personal knowledge
- Support efforts to employ technology utilization mechanism

#### Comparison of Aviation and Space Development

